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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 1997, at 12 noon.

## Senate

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1997

The Senate met at 9:15 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Sovereign of the Universe and Lord of our lives, by the revolution of the Earth around the Sun, You have brought forth a new day. Just as You have made the sunrise, You have made us what we are; just as we cannot take credit for the sunrise, we dare not take pride in what we have made of ourselves. We can, however, be humbly grateful. To fail to glorify You for either the new day or the miracle You have made of each of our lives would be blasphemy. Help us to praise You both for this new day and the privilege of living life to the fullest. All that we have and are is Your gift. This day will be like no other day past or to come.

You who are everlasting Mercy, give us tender hearts toward all those for whom the morning light brings less joy than it does to us, those for whom the beginning of a new day does not bring rejoicing, but grief, suffering, or trouble. Free us to do all we can for all to whom we can communicate Your care. As we seek to make this a great day for others we will discover the practical love You want to communicate through our words and actions, deliberations and decisions. This is the day You have made and we will rejoice and be glad in You. Through our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader, Senator D'AMATO from New York, is recognized.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, it is indeed a pleasure to be with you today.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, there will be a period of morning business to allow a number of Senators to speak. The time between 9:45 and 12:30 will be equally divided for statements regarding the Family Friendly Workplace Act. As previously announced, no roll-call votes will occur during today's session of the Senate.

On Monday, the Senate will consider the IDEA legislation and/or the CFE treaty. If an agreement can be reached for the consideration of those measures, the majority leader has stated it may be possible to stack any votes ordered until Tuesday. All Members will be notified accordingly when those agreements are reached and when the Senators can anticipate the next roll-call vote.

I thank my colleagues for their attention and I thank the President pro tempore for his recognition.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. THOMAS). Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business.

### RECOVERY OF WORLD WAR II GOLD

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, pursuant to the order, I rise today to speak to the release of the report, and I will show you this report. The report is entitled, "U.S. and Allied Efforts To Recover and Restore Gold Stolen by Germany During World War II." I think that description of the report is totally inadequate. It is a great report. The author and the person who has worked so hard, Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary of Commerce and soon to be Assistant Secretary for Economic Affairs in the State Department, should be proud. We should all commend him for his efforts at getting the truth.

What this report might better be called is the report on the greatest robbery that mankind has seen take place under the guise of the law and under the guise of civilized conventions and under and with the approval of allies who did not face the killing machine of the German Nazi armies. This was after the war that the greatest looting continued and this conspiracy continued for 50-plus years.

Let me say we owe a great debt of gratitude to Stuart Eizenstat because he comes forward with the truth—not all of it, because not all of the documents and not all of the evidence are available or have been made available, but it is a beginning. His dedication to the truth and the perseverance he has demonstrated, and those who work with him, to bring us to this point should be commended. He has done this despite opposition from many quarters,

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